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Office Action Summary

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Jonathan Johnson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10-19-06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 and 81-113 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-11, 13-30, 85, 87-91 and 93 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 12, 81-84, 86, 92 and 94-113 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 and 81-113 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 12, 81-84, 86, 92, 94-113 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 3,211,354 (Dugard) in view of US 4,269,343 (Siegel) and US 5,395,046 (Knobbe). Dugard teaches storage adapted to retain the molten solder (figure 1, item 10) capable of being unheated when the device is turned off; and a first handle adapted to couple to a vacuum source and provide a passage within the first handle to convey the vacuum source to the tip to retrieve the melted solder, the first handle having an trigger actuator and a cavity adapted to releaseably receive the storage to retain the melted solder retrieved through the tip positioned (figure 1, vacuum tube); where the cavity can be directly inserted and removed without opening the handle (figure 1, item 22); where the housing has a u-shaped radiation member (figure 1, the profile of the housing); where the longitudinal centerlines of the desoldering channel are aligned (figure 1, vacuum tube). Siegel teaches a heating element disposed between the tip and the storage (figure 2, item 52 and 72) where the heater is disposed between the pointed end of the desoldering tip and the desoldering storage cartridge and surrounding at least a portion of the desoldering channel (figure 2, item 52 and 72). Knobbe teaches the desirability of a removable pistol type handle to control the fluid flow (figure 4, item 77). It would have been obvious to

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one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Dugard to utilize the heating element disposed between the tip and the storage in order to provide a short tip to grip ratio and utilize less wattage (see Siegel col. 2, ll. 30-60) and further to utilize the removable handle in order to improve its ergonomics (see Knobbe col. 3, ll. 5-25).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-1177. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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